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Powder River Basin coal is known to be particularly flammable and is known to spontaneously combust. I have been told that is an issue in ~~why~~ why rail cars must be open. Trains have <sup>been</sup> found to be carrying smouldering coal, and the terminal piles also catch fire, probably on ships as well. Please study what emissions come from this smouldering <sup>coal</sup> ~~coal~~. What would happen to a coal shipping vessel that is burning? would it explode and sink? causing pollution from coal and oil spill? A ~~fire~~ forest fire was started on Chuchanut Mt in the 60's by a coal train. How will the possibility of train started fires be prevented - especially with our terrible fire seasons happening now?

First name: Jan

Last name: Gordon

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: Bow, WA 98232

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be added to the mailing list? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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I have lived near the RR tracks in Bow for 22 years. It was NOT an issue for me until the siding was built below my home, but I got used to that finally and even looked to buy property next to the tracks. Now that there are several daily coal trains going thru, the noise is much worse and almost continuous at night. Dramatically increasing coal trains, as well as oil shipping trains to Cherry Point, will make it unliveable and unsaleable. There are also proposed trains to Anacortes for oil and water bottling, plus Amtrak wants to increase rail (I think). Please study the rail capacity, effect on passenger service, effect on property values, noise, safety, damage to tracks, waterfront, tourism. etc.

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I don't know the appropriate recipient for this comment. I don't think GPT should be able to hire people to get in line and hold all the speaking positions. It just became cheerleading for the terminal and what was said were not scoping comments. <sup>in Ferndale</sup> I got there a hour early and stood in the cold, after shivering from Skagit, and left shortly after hearing the first few speakers. I heard GPT people promising speaking places to "green chints" even tho they arrived late. Even that would have been ok if the comments were related to the scoping process. It was a waste of time and taxpayer money. I hope you can find a way to prevent this in the next 3 hearings. At least explain carefully what a scoping comment is and that grandstanding isn't acceptable.

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